

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 27: Oregon Department of Human Services Hospital Capacity

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$25.8 million General Fund from a special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board and increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$2.6 million for the Oregon Department of Human Services to provide one-time support to address hospital and long-term care facility capacity constraints.

This is the ODHS portion of a joint effort between OHA and ODHS to address immediate health care capacity issues. The package aims to both preserve and increase long-term care beds available to individuals ready to leave the hospital. It includes funding for

- Short-term contracts for clinical staff to support facilities that are unable to accept new residents due to workforce shortages
- Incentive payments for long-term care providers to accept individuals who can leave the hospital
- Respite shelter beds for people ready to leave skilled care, and
- Grants to distressed community-based care providers in rural communities.

Though supportive of these emergency measures, members of the Human Services subcommittee expressed an interest in seeing progress toward long-term solutions to workforce shortages and other systemic issues affecting hospital and long-term care capacity.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.